

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, the undersigned is grateful to the Examiner for recently taking the time to discuss the submission of an IDS in this case on August 22, 2003. It is understood that the IDS had not yet been considered. Please feel free to contact the undersigned using the below contact information if any issues arise.

The present response amends claims 8 and 9 and requests reconsideration of the rejected claims.

Claims 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for the recitation "water-based". It is submitted that this recitation complies with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, because the skilled artisan understands what is meant by this recitation. However, the Examiner's suggestion for amending these claims to "water-containing" has been adopted because it broadens the scope of the claims and, thus, avoids any possible implications from FESTO.

Respectfully submitted,



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